

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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Application No.: 10/578,589

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For: ALLOSTERIC MODULATORS OF
METABOTROPIC GLUTAMATE
RECEPTORS

Examiner: T. A. Solola

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

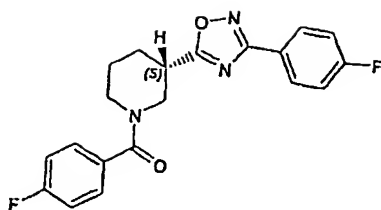
Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated June 12, 2009. Applicants respond to that Office Action as follows.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement. It is believed that multiple groups can be searched and examined together without undue burden.

Additionally, considerable time and expense will be saved if all claims can be considered at this time, rather than pursuing multiple divisional applications.

To provide a complete response, Applicants elect Group I, which includes claims 1-20, 41-42, as that Group is defined in the Office Action.

As a species, Applicants elect the compound of Example 12 on page 60 of the application, i.e. S-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-{3-[3-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-[1,2,4]oxadiazol-5-yl]-piperidin-1-yl}-methanone



Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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